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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CLEANUP PROGRAM - GROUNDWATER MONITORING FOR NEWLY DISCOVERED CHEMICALS, BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT (BPOU)- NORAM/WHITE & WHITE PROPERTIES/RPM MERIT

Dear Ms. Goldberg:

In a letter dated April 16, 1997, Regional Board staff notified BPOU quarterly groundwater monitoring program participants that we had adequate groundwater data and did not plan to request further monitoring. However, as you are probably aware, new chemicals have been recently found in production and monitoring wells within the BPOU. They have also been noted in nearby areas outside the BPOU area. So far, these chemicals include perchlorate, 1,4-dioxane, N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) and Methyl Ter-Butyl Ether (MTBE). Currently, research is underway to study the occurrence, adverse health effects, and remediation of these chemicals. One of these chemicals, 1,4-dioxane, is known to be associated with the use of 1,1,1-TCA.

We are requesting that the property owners/operators, along with other BPOU groundwater monitoring participants, implement quarterly groundwater sampling and analysis for the above chemicals for two episodes. The first should be conducted in November 1998 and results reported by December 30, 1998. The last episode should be conducted in February 1999, and results reported by March 30, 1999. Based on the results, a decision will be made if further sampling and analysis is warranted.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (323) 266-7534.



Sincerely,

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